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SUBJECT: Microsoft Settlement

Like many others in the IT industry, I think Microsoft got off far too easily in this case. Why have they not been punished for violating previous agreements? Why is the settlement full of loopholes?

Rather than repeating what has already been said, I refer you to more informed and eloquent critics, such as Ralph Nader, Robert X. Cringely, and eWeek Magazine.

To me, this outcome is typical of what happens in Washington, where lobby groups and big business have far too much influence. The only beneficiary of this weak ruling is Microsoft. Who is standing up for everyone else, including those of us outside the US?



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